

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tsutomu OKABE, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/706,977

GAU: 1792

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EXAMINER: MOORE, KARLA A

FOR: WAFER PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING DUST PROOF FUNCTION

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

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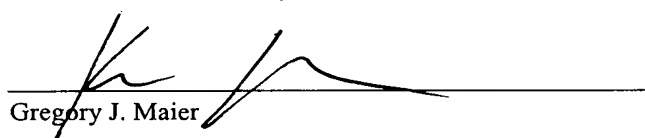
It is hereby requested that a **2nd** month extension of time be granted to May 17, 2008 for

- ☐ filing a response to the Official Action dated: December 17, 2007
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☒ filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A timely response to the final rejection, due April 17, 2008, has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$340.00 is being made by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

Respectfully Submitted,

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